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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
GR 98 P 4106

First named inventor: Peter Hildebrandt, et al.

Application No.: 09/322,715

Art Unit: 2874

Filed: May 28, 1999

Examiner: Sarah Song

Title: Coupling Device

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of DRAWINGS (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 1,280.00.

- ☒ has been paid previously on August 16, 2002.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ 65.00 for a small entity or \$ 130.00 for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

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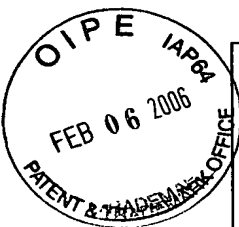
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**Statement Accompanying Petition for Revival of an Application for
Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)**

Sir:

Applicants received a *Notice of Abandonment* in the above-identified application dated September 24, 2002 for failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the *Notice of Allowance*, dated May 16, 2002.

In response to the above-mentioned *Notice of Abandonment* applicants filed a *Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)* on October 9, 2002 stating that the issue fee was timely paid on August 16, 2002. Copies of applicants' submission of August 16, 2002 were included with the petition.

A review of the file during counsel's recent inventory revealed that no decision to our *Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)*, filed October 9, 2002, has been received up to date.

Upon further reviewing the file, and checking on the status of the application via the USTPO PAIR system, counsel found that the reason for abandonment was not the failure to timely pay the issue fee, as listed in the *Notice of Abandonment*, dated September 24, 2002, but for failure to timely file corrected drawings, as required in item 8 of the *Notice of Allowability*, dated May 16, 2002.

Applicants believe that, in view of the aforementioned facts, unintentional delay in further prosecuting the application has been established.

Applicants respectfully request expedited processing of the enclosed petition due to the long period of time since abandonment.

Respectfully submitted

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